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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11, Clerkenwell Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cordhill, GORDON & GOTCH, 121, Holborn Hill, E.C. BATES HENDY & CO., 4 Old Jewry, E.C.

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Arrivals.

Dec. 30. *Tele.* from Whampoa.

Departures.

Dec. 31. *Calcutta*, for Hongkong.31. *St. Louis*, for New York.31. *London*, for Yokohama.31. *Sydney*, for Yokohama.

New Advertisements.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE.

SHARES No. 206, 206 and 207, have been placed in the hands of the Society. For SALE. Sealed Tenders for purchase of the same, marked "Tender for Share No. 206" will be received until Friday, 16th January, 1869.

By order of the Board of Directors,

R. T. WATMORE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1868. *Jan 15*

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICES TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend of \$300 per Share declared at the first Extraordinary General MEETING held on the 1st Inst., and confirmed at the second Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 16th Inst., will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after the 21st Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the office of the Company, No. 39, Queen's Road, for Warrants.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers,

Hongkong, December 29, 1868. *Jan 5*

BY PERMISSION OF THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT.

WILL be published at the "Argus" Office, in the course of three weeks, the Report of the Commission of Enquiry into the PEKING RIOTS, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Evidence, &c.

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The Report will occupy about 150 Foolscap folio pages, enclosed in a neat wrapper, and will be sold at the rate of \$3 for a single copy and a reduction of 50 cents upon each additional copy purchased.

L. T. DE MELLO,

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Penang, December 1, 1868. *Jan 5*

EMPLOYMENT WANTED, by a young MAN (English) aged 30, of business habits, and several years experience in Hongkong. Apply by letter, "A. B. O." care of Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, December 26, 1868.

And,

H. O'HARA, Agent Tudor Co., Ice House, Hongkong, Dec. 26, 1868. *Jan 5*

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Hongkong, December 23, 1868. *Jan 10*

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Hongkong, December 7, 1868.

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New Advertisements.

MINCE MEAT, MUSCATEL, ETC.

RAISINS, CRYSTALLISED FRUIT,

CURRANTS, PLUM PUDDINGS,

RICH CAKES, DESSERT BISCUITS,

ORANGE, LEMON AND CITRON PUDDING,

FRUITCAKES, DE GOURMETTES,

PORK CUTLETS, TRUFFLED SAUSAGES,

MILKBOUILL, CANNED, SALMON,

TRUFFLES, VANILLE, BONBONS,

PRUNES, DESSERT FRUITS,

ROSE WATER, CRACKERS,

CHEDDAR, ALBERT AND STILTON CHEESE,

A BEAN'S HEAD,

KRUGER, CHAMPAGNE,

GENEVA WHISKEY,

PORT, SHERRIES, BALS,

LIQUORS IN GREAT VARIETY,

CIGAR STORES OF FIRST RATE QUALITY,

etc., etc., etc.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF TOYS,

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS,

GAMES AND BOOKS OF GAMES,

ILLUSTRATED GIFT BOOKS,

ROCKING HORSES—DRAGÉES,

A CHILD'S SWING.

FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

BY PERMISSION OF THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT.

GENERAL WEEKLY AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. WILL SELL

BY PUBLIC AUCTION, IN THEIR SALES

ROOMS, QUEEN'S ROAD, ON

New Advertisements.

LOTTERY.

TWO DRAWING-ROOM SELF-ACTING ORGANS.

THE ABOVE ARE VERY FINE INSTRUMENTS,

AND AN ORNAMENT TO A DRAWING ROOM,

100 CHANCES AT \$5 EACH. THEY ARE ON VIEW

ON THE PREMISES, 68 AND 69, WELLINGTON

STREET, UP TO THE DATE OF DRAWING—24TH

DECEMBER, 1868, AT 1 O'CLOCK P.M., PROVIDED

THE LOTTERY BE FILLED.

FIRST PRIZE, LARGE ORGAN; SECOND, SMALL

ONE.

F. DA CUNHA & CO.,

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 7, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERWRITER HAVING PURCHASED

THE INTEREST OF THE "WING-CHIN

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Notices of Firms

HAVE this day authorised Mr. C. LANGDON DAVIES to sign my name per pro-curation to all orders for goods supplied to the Hongkong Hotel, and I alone am liable to pay for goods supplied upon such orders.

I have further authorised Mr. Davies to collect all debts due to me on a Hotel account, for which his receipt will be a sufficient discharge.

LEE AFOONG.

Hongkong, December 1, 1868.

ff

NOTICE.

M. B. C. J. H. SCHRODER, is authorised to sign our Firm per pro-curation, from this date.

SCHWANBACH & THIEL.

Saigon, November 14, 1868.

ff

NOTICE.

M. B. C. J. H. BADE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm here and at Shanghai from the 1st October, 1868.

EDWARD SCHELLHAS & Co.

Hongkong, December 5, 1868.

ff

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AVERAGE ADJUSTER and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

C. LANGDON DAVIES.

Hongkong, July 1, 1868.

ff

NOTICE.

FROM this date Mr. GEORGE F. HOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.

S. L. PHELPS,

Agent.

Hongkong, August 15, 1868.

ff

NOTICE.

M. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE is authorised to sign our Firm per pro-curation at Foochow from this date.

BIRLEY & Co.

Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

ff

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under his Style and Firm of GIFFORD, F. PARKER & Co.

GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.

Saigon, December 20, 1868.

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NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUDDE to sign our Firm from this date.

DREYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

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NOTICE.

FOR SALE, at moderate prices and in lots, to suit purchasers—

Prime York HAMS.

Prime Strasburg BACON.

Ninth White CHEESE.

Scotch WHISKY, "Mountain Dew."

Guinness' STOUT in pints.

Do. do. in quarts.

Bast ALE in pints.

Do. do. in quarts.

Apply to

J. F. ROSE,

Wellington Street,

Hongkong, December 21, 1868.

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NOTICE.

FOR SALE, "Whitehall," "Red Deer," and other Arrivals.

BASS'S ALE in hogheads and hildernins. Do. do. in glass, quarts and pints. Guiness's Dublin STOUT in qts. and pts. Barclay & Co's. PORTER in wood.

Hennessy's Pale BRANDY in bottle.

Gates & Co's. superior Pale BRANDY in bottle.

Barbarossa's superior fine Champagne COGNAC.

Duff Gordon's SHERRIES, from \$7.50 to \$13 per dozen.

Light dinner SHERRY at \$6 per dozen.

Tawny Old PORT.

Full flavored fruity PORT.

Swain & Board's Ginger WINE and

Ginger BRANDY.

Gilmour's Stores of every description, from

Crosse & Blackwell and J. T. Morton

Crompton Brothers' HAMS, CHEESE and

BACON, Oxford, Cambridge and German

SAUSAGES, Pâté de Foie Gras TRUFFE

Assorted TURKEY FLESSES at

LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

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NOTICE.

FOR SALE, Ex Recent Arrivals.

AMERIKA Prime Mess BEEF, in bars, roul and half-bars.

Hamburg Prime Mess BEEF, in barrels.

PORK,

Prime Danish BUTTER, in 7 lb. tins,

quite fresh.

Muller's celebrated LAGERBIER, in cases of 2 doz. quarts at \$6 per case.

Bretton's Bremen PÄLS ALE in quarts,

at

LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

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NOTICE.

FOR SALE, "Whitehall," and Mail.

CHOCOLATE MANIER, in Plain and Handsome boxes.

Bohemian Vases, fancy Toilet Sets, and a great variety of New Goods, suitable for Christmas Presents.

Bonbons, Mottos Nuts, Cakes, Mince-meat, fancy Desert Fruits, Confectionery, Toys, &c.

Also,

Christy's New Shape Felt Hats, Neck-ties, and Scarves, in great variety; Fancy Couplings, &c., &c.

S. W. BAKER & Co.

Hongkong, December 11, 1868.

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NOTICE.

Just Received from France and for Sale by the Undersigned.

A Fresh supply of BUTTER in Bottles,

in fine condition.

Gruyere CHEESE.

French CHOCOLATE at 75c. per lb.

A fine assortment of French BONBONS, and CONFECTIONERY.

FRUITS in juice, from Teyssonneau,

Do. in Brandy

Crystallized FRUIT, BONBONS with Mottos, &c.

A large assortment of VÉGÉTARIENS including MACARONI and VERMICELLI, French MUSTARD, French Salad OIL, French white Wine VINEGAR.

LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

HE Copyright and Plant of the Shanghai Recorder, Daily Newspaper, and Supreme Court and Consular Gazette, Weekly Newspaper, or one-half interest in the same.

To be received on or before the 20th instant. For particulars, apply at the office.

Shanghai, 6th December, 1868.

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NOTICE.

M. J. THOMSON begs to intimate that he is now publishing a Series of 40 Views of Hongkong, price \$25—10 Views from Plates, 14 by 12 3/4 in. do. do. 10 by 8 1/2 in. 4 Small instantaneous Subjects from the Dragon Procession, Hongkong, September 4, 1868.

INSURANCES.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, 2,000,000 DOLLARS, in 2,000 Shares of 1,000 Dollars each.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.—GEORGE F. HEARD, Esq., WM. KAYE, Esq., R. HOWITT, Esq., S. D. SASSON, Esq., F. BUXLEY, Esq., General Manager—MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1868.

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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, which expired by effluxion of time in a few months, having proved a highly successful undertaking, it has been determined by a large number of its shareholders to form a permanent Company, under the same management and with increased Capital.

It is proposed to register the Company under the Limited Liability Ordinance, and the amount of the Capital having been fixed at Two Millions of Dollars, it is considered that Insurers will be amply secured thereby, while at the same time each shareholder will know the extent of his individual liability.

The Capital proposed to be called up amounts to a large sum, and provision will be made for the creation of an ample Reserve Fund, which will, it is expected, in a very short time accumulate to an amount practically to give the fullest security both to Insurers and Insured, irrespective of the unpaid Capital.

It is intended to anticipate the termination of the Old Company, by dissolving it from and after the 31st December next, and measures are being taken for that purpose.

In anticipating a successful career for the New Company, it is only necessary to present to the public the results of the Old Company since its establishment in May 1866, as exhibited by the following figures:

The total premiums collected from the 11th May 1866 to the present time, a period of only two years and five months, amount to \$304,727.72.

The losses which have been paid within the same period have amounted to \$130,031.22 and include the large sum of \$85,270 lost by the Fire at Hongkong in Nov. 1867.

The amount now at the Credit of the Working Account, after paying all Expenses and Re-insurances to date, exceeds \$100,000.00.

These figures fully warrant the most sanguine expectations of success, and it is reasonable to expect that, strengthened with larger Capital, the present undertaking cannot fail to prove at least as successful as the former one.

The Old Company, when it entered the field, had to create a business for itself, but the New one, in taking over the outstanding risks and connections of the Old Company, will at once receive a very large amount of premium and enter on a profitable and organised business.

Moreover, there is no doubt that the risk of Fire in Hongkong has been greatly diminished by the Building Regulations now in force, and by the establishment of a Fire Brigade.

The following are the main features of the New Company:

1. A first of \$100, to be paid upon each share on allotment, and a further Call of \$100 to be paid in Six Months; a further Call to be determined upon at General Meetings of the shareholders.

2. Interest at 12 per cent per annum to be paid in the first instance allowed on the paid up Capital, such Interest to be payable half-yearly, on 30th June, and 30th December.

The profits after deducting the said Interest to be applied thus—20 per cent pro rata amongst such of the shareholders as shall have contributed to the Company; 30 per cent to the Reserve Fund until it shall amount to \$1,000,000, at which figure it is to be permanently maintained; and the remaining 50 per cent to be distributed by way of dividend amongst the shareholders generally.

No shareholder to hold more than 250 shares.

The Company to be managed by General Managers, with the assistance of a Consulting Committee.

The Funds of the Company to be deposited in Banks or in Government Securities approved of by the Committee.

The Deed of Association may be inspected at the Office of the General Managers, or at the Office of Mr. HENRY C. CALDWELL, the Solicitor of the Company.

Hongkong, December 15, 1868.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINA TRADER'S INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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By order,

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1868.

With the chimes of midnight the current year fades away into the past and is henceforth historical. It will scarcely be deemed an unimportant one in the record of foreign intercourse with China, while it has witnessed the termination of a successful revolution in Japan. As regards these countries and the much less important but socially interesting events which have, during its course, transpired in this Colony, we purpose, in accordance with an old custom, to shortly furnish a record to which residents may in future years refer. But who ever shall undertake this work with reference to the universal history of the past year will have no light task. The successful termination of the Abyssinian Expedition, the Revolution in Spain, the election of a new President in the United States, and the defeat of the Impeachment bill against Andrew Johnson; the resignation of Mr. Disraeli and his ministry, the Fenian troubles, and the extension of the Franchise at Home; the construction of new lines of Ocean cables between France and America and other countries; reform in our own telegraphic system; attempts upon the lives of European sovereigns; improvements and discoveries in the art and material of war; fearful earthquakes scarcely equalled in the annals of history, with volcanic eruptions which recall the horrors pictured by old writers; the advances of Russia in Central Asia; a new frontier war in India—these events, taken at random as memory recalls them in casting one's eye over the map, and which form a fractional part of those which history will record upon her pages, afford a field for record and comment beyond the scope of journalistic columns. It has indeed been a year of changes, and the depression in mercantile circles has not tended to make commercial men regard it as one of good fortune apart even from political and material convulsions. In wishing our readers "A Happy New Year" with the incoming midnight, we sincerely trust that but the more cheerful elements of the past twelve months will repeat themselves in those about to commence. May those effects of the recent great crisis which have so disastrously affected 1868 cease to influence 1869. Hope is at least ours while speaking of the future, and we sincerely trust that better fortune than heretofore will attend this colony and its residents during the coming year.

LOCAL.

The weather for the last few days has taken people by surprise, especially those who, preferring the milder atmosphere of a week since, were flattering themselves that Winter had forgotten to call upon us with his doubled-up gait, his pinched expression, his blue nose, and his very cold hands. Celestial meteorologists are said to have been no less taken aback by the sudden changes; and although it is difficult to say that Chinese should be better informed or more weather-wise in this respect than the foreign residents, their opinions will probably not be disputed at the present time. The graduated scale of the cold weather's advent has not been marked by many steps—the cold season having turned up amazingly in order to be in time for 1868. On the day after Christmas and on Christmas Day, out of regard of the temperature showed the thermometer to be over 70; two days afterwards it hovered over or under 60; and yesterday the final jump was made from warm weather to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The extremes of 70 odd and 30 odd, shown and felt within six days time, are not unusual for the deadly, scorching, and ruinous climate of Hongkong; and the thermometer appears to have settled down towards the thirties and forties, in a way which would induce one to believe that the old year fully means to retire and leave us literally "out in the cold." Yesterday it appears that there must have been very cold water, if not ice, in Whampoa, as the thermometer there reached the ice-forming 32°. A facétious correspondent, noting this fact, remarks that the existence of ice in Whampoa is not at all surprising, as ice also exists in Queen's Road—at 3 cents a pound. In Canton the residents have been shivering as far as 85° would allow; and here in Hongkong teeth-chattering has been done at about the same figure. What may be doing at the Peak? no one has been bold enough to communicate; but a discount of ten per cent upon the above rates may safely be allowed for. The suddenness of the change, however, has intensified the effect, and there is no doubt that its bracing effect upon residents will fully compensate for the inconvenience.

NEW INDIA FOR FAMILY PORTRAITS.—A gentleman from Paris paid a visit to a country dame, in whose parlour he saw the portrait of a lovely woman, of, say, five-and-twenty. Upon the entrance of the lady, her visitor naturally asked her if the picture was a family portrait, and was told that it represented his deceased daughter. "Has it been long since you lost her?" asked the gentleman. "Alas, sir," replied the lady, "she died just after birth, and I have had the portrait painted to represent her as she would appear if she had lived until now."

POMPS AND VANTAGES.—The mayor of a country town was questioning the boys at a ragged school, and he asked them what were the pomps and vanities of this wicked world. He asked them one by one, but they could not tell him. At last a little boy near the bottom said, "I know, sir, and I have had the portrait painted to represent her as she would appear if she had lived until now."

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. I. steamer *Tigre*, Captain Boileau, from Suez with dates to the 27th ult., Aden, 3rd, Galle 14th and Singapore 21st inst., bringing the *Marmilles* mail of the 19th ult., arrived in Harbour this afternoon.

The following are the later telegrams, dated London:—

3rd December.—The Bank of England has to-day raised its rate of discount to 3 per cent. The P. & O. Company have declared a dividend of 6 per cent. Disraeli and the Ministry have issued a Circular announcing their resignation.

New York, Nov. 28th.—Widening uplands 25c. Stock of Cotton at American Ports 215,000 bales. Week's Receipts 74,000 bales. Week's Exports to Great Britain 20,000 bales. Gold 135c. Exchange on London 109c.

Hombay, 1st Dec.—Exchange on London 1/1, 12/16; on China 21/7; on Calcutta 100c.

1st December.—The Conservatives have carried the elections in Mid-Somerset and West Riding of Yorkshire. Latest news from Spain is to the effect that the Republicans have expressed their displeasure at the Monarchical demonstration at Valladolid. The Government has stringently ordered the prefects to prevent disturbance.

1st December.—The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. 7 lbs. Shirts uncharged. 40s. Mule Twists 1/2. The Cotton Market closed late active.

2nd.—The Earl of Mayo left Suez yesterday for Bombay. K. V. has won the Boat Race for the championship of the Thames. Madame Beauvois has been granted Vincenzine Beauvois.

3rd.—The Disraeli Ministry has issued a Circular stating they feel it due to their honor as well as to their policy to resign. Mr. Gladstone will probably succeed Mr. Disraeli. The present result of the Elections gives three hundred and eighty-four Liberals and two hundred and seventy-two Conservatives. The Directors of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company have declared a dividend of six per cent.

3rd December.—The Liverpool Cotton market closed flat and prices drooping. Reserve of Notes in the Bank of £8,500,000. Total Bullion in the Bank of £18,125,000. Total Week's Sales of Cotton 85,000 bales. Total Week's Imports of Cotton 97,000 bales. Western Indias Octon 7d.

4th December.—Her Majesty the Queen, upon the recommendation of Mr. Disraeli, has summoned Mr. Gladstone to form a New Ministry.

A demonstration occurred yesterday at the Montmartre Cemetery, on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Dupuytren. It is stated that Sir A. Cockburn, Lord Chief Justice, will probably be appointed Lord Chancellor of England. Advice from Paris state that sixty-two persons have been arrested in consequence of the demonstration at Montmartre Cemetery.

5th December.—Mr. Gladstone proposes the following, to form the New Ministry:—The Earl of Clarendon to be Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Robert Lowe to be Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr. John Bright to be Secretary of State for India. Mr. Cardwell, Secretary of State for War. Mr. Childers to be first Lord of the Admiralty. Sir Wm. Page Wood to be Lord High Chancellor. Mr. Robert Lowe, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Mr. Austin Bruce, Secretary of State for Home Department; Earl of Clarendon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Earl Granville, Secretary of State for the Colonies; Mr. Cardwell, Secretary of State for War; The Duke of Argyll, Secretary of State for India; Mr. Childers, First Lord of the Admiralty; Mr. John Bright, President of the Board of Trade; Mr. Chichester Fortescue, Secretary for Ireland; and Earl Russell, Secretary for Scotland; and Earl Russell without office.

London, 7th December.—Grey shirtings 82 lbs. 97s. 7 lbs. 83s. Twist 1/2.

SAIGON.

(Strait Times.)
A trade is beginning between Saigon and the French Settlement in the South Seas of New Caledonia. The *La Forfait* left for that Colony on the 26th ult., via Singapore and Sydney. There are great complaints made of the numbers, dexterity, and audacity of Annamites and Chinese thieves and pickpockets, the police being, as with ourselves, nearly powerless against them. A Theatre is being established under the direction of Mr. Peters Maillet, Comedian from the Conservatoire Imperial of Paris. The *John Bull* Pub Company Limited is to have a capital of £20,000, in 20 shares of £1,000 each, and is to consist of Macaoans and Consignees of vessels only, who can give business to the Company. The English prospector puts the price of the *John Bull* at £18,000, and the French at £10,000, payable half when the Company is established, and the other later on in calls. The Company to begin business on the 1st January, 1869. We wish the Company every success. Half the capital has been already subscribed for, principally by Chinese. A Decree of Governor Olier, of 19th November, establishes a Reformatory for the detention and education of young, boy criminals at Tong-Kon under military rules. One of the peculiar features of the reformatory is a column which appears, now and then, containing petitions of the natives to the Court of Justice for natives (Bureau de la Justice et Indigence) and the answers to them. The petitions seem to be very numerous—to be principally by Amazons for relatives—and almost always directed to the court for mitigation of punishment. The pray for a mitigation of punishment. The petitioners' names are given in full, as well as the object of the Petitioners—that follows the reply of the judge, with his reasons, given with such quaint and primitive brevity as to be very amusing.

A decree of the Governor, dated 27th

October, forbids the introduction and circulation in Cochinchina of M. Rochefer's paper *La Lanterne*. The *Courrier* of 5th November states, that the weekly service of the *Messageries Impériales* would probably begin that month (Nov.) by the despatch of a steamer from Marseilles on the 14th November instead of the 19th as heretofore. Freight on Specie by the Co's boat, East of Singapore, is now 1/4 per cent lower, according to the same paper. Everything was quiet in the interior, and the robber bands in the forests of the North-east were dispersing for want of food. At Rangoon, the leader of the late murderers attack on that post was publicly executed on the 27th October.

STAMPS AND HUMBUG (?)

The following is the letter appearing in the *London and China Express* which is referred to in our leading columns:—

"Hamburg, November 3.

"A paragraph appeared lately in the local paper of this city, stating that a Pastor Maurach, of Oberhausen, near Dorpat in Liefland, had inserted an advertisement in the *Courtland Government Gazette* requesting the reader to send him spoiled stamps.

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Besides these favourable circumstances, it should be borne in mind that the great evils of Spanish misrule have been just of sort which would be less likely to occur in a federal republic than in a monarchy, and that on the other hand, the state of society is one in which a form of government would meet with the support of the best and soundest part of the population. The great evils of Spanish government under the wretched Queen, who, it may be hoped, has finally expelled herself from the country, were extreme centralization, the maintenance of army enormous, expensive and utterly disproportioned to the wants of the country; and above all, disingenuous, tricky superstition continually on the watch to bring into again by stealth the abused which had been set down, though not rooted out by legislation. A federal republic would give the strongest security against the first and second of these evils, and would reduce the third to its natural dimensions, whatever they may be.

"Madam, a great many persons were disturbed at the concert last night by the crying of your baby." "Well, I do wonder that such people will go to concerts!"

A DANDY getting measured for a riding-boots observed, "Make them cover the calf." "Heavens!" exclaimed the shopkeeper, abounding surveying his customer.

"I have not got leather enough."

ENOCH ARDEN.

A variation on the "Enoch Arden" romance is narrated as an incident of last week in a country town of Cork. The heroine of the adventure, married ten years ago, was shortly afterwards forsaken by her husband, who emigrated to America. At the end of nine years she married again, the second husband, like the first, belonging to the labouring class. Soon after this the return of the first husband was reported; whereupon the woman, who had kept the fact of her first marriage a profound secret, immediately disappeared, and the most diligent search by both husband and wife failed to discover her retreat. A correspondent, referring to this incident, says:— "It reminds me of an older one, to which you will perhaps allow me to call attention, as an authentic example of the most mortifying, abominable, and unconstitutional behaviour of a husband."

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For particulars apply to
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TO LET.—
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TWO Two-Storyed Granite GODDOWNS at Wanchi, adjoining the Timber Yard of the Union Dock Company. Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.,
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CHARLES F. SEABURG,
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Prepayment of the Postage is compulsory in each case.

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For sums not exceeding £2, 24
Above £2 and not exceeding £5, 24
" 27 " 42 " 10 " 48 "

1.2.—No Money Order to include a fractional part of a Penny.

3.—Orders drawn in the United Kingdom upon Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, will be paid at the rate of Exchange at which Money Orders are being issued at the time of their presentation.

4.—Alphabetical Lists of over 3,700 Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom, shewing the Counties in which they are situated, are hung up for public reference at this Office, and also at Shanghai and Yokohama.

5.—Applicants for Money Orders must furnish, in full, the surname and, at least, the initial of one Christian name, both of the Remitter and the Payee; if the Remitter or Payee is a Peer or a Bishop, his ordinary title will be sufficient; if a firm, the usual designation of such firm, such as "Baring Brothers" will suffice; but the mere term Messrs., such as "Messrs. Rivington" or the name of a Company trading under a title which does not consist of the names of the persons composing it, such as "Caron Co." is inadmissible.

6.—The Remitter on stating that the Order is to be paid only through a Bank, to have the option of giving or withdrawing the name of the Payee; if such case, the Order will be crossed in the same way that Cheques are commonly crossed when they are intended to be paid through a Bank.

7.—When an Order is presented through a Bank, a receipt by any person will be sufficient, provided the Order be crossed with the name of the receiving Bank, and be presented by some Person known to be in the employ of such Bank.

8.—The signature of the Payee of a Money Order to be affixed to the Order in the place provided for the purpose. If the Payee is unable to write he must sign the receipt by making his mark in the presence of a Witness, who must sign his name, with his address in the presence of the Officer who pays the Order.

9.—Should the Payee of a Money Order desire to receive payment in the Country in which the Order was issued, as some other Office than that in which the Order was originally drawn, the transfer will be granted, provided the Order be enclosed to the Postmaster of the Office in which it was drawn. In such case a new Order will be issued, the Commission chargeable upon which will be deducted from the amount of the new Order.

10.—In the event of a Money Order miscarrying or being lost, a duplicate will be granted on a written application from the Payee, (containing the necessary particulars, and accompanied by an additional Commission) to the Office where the original Order was payable.

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BOOKS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice that the Eight call of Fifty Dollars on the new Stock of the above named Company is due on the 1st March next and will be payable at the office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, where receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per cent per annum will be charged after the above date.

• By order of the Board of Directors, GEORGE N. MINTO,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 1, 1868.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LIVERPOOL, AND LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Companies at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIRIE & CO.
Hongkong, September 28, 1868.

POOCHOW GRANITE FLOORED DOCK.

THE above Dock has been in full working order for the last four years. Length 300 feet; width about 40 feet, depth of water on the sills, springs, average 17 feet, neaps 14 feet. The Dock in ordinary Tides runs dry to the Blocks and is pumped out by Steam.

For further particulars as to the price of copper, &c., &c., apply to

T. D. TILLINGHAST, Esq., Messrs. De Saligny & Co., Hongkong; Messrs. BOYD & CO., Shanghai; or to the Undersigned.

In connection with the above is the powerful Twin Screw Tug "WOOSUNG," Vessel requiring the services of this Tug either from Matsuo (where a splendid anchorage will be found during the S.W. monsoon) or from the White Dogs, can obtain them at moderate rates, on application to

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THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

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IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding 1 month, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the annual rate
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ do.

Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

Attached to it there are Shipwrights, Blacksmiths, Boiler-makers and Machinery works, and every thing necessary for the Repair of Sailing Vessels or Steamers.

The Company have also opened a Shipyard by the side of the Hongkong Dock, and are ready to contract for the construction of Steamers or Sailing Vessels of any size.

At Whampoa the Company have four Docks, in which they will take Ships at reduced rates.

The Steam Tug "LITTLE ORPHAN" can be engaged to tow Vessels to sea, or berth them, at reasonable rates.

For particulars apply to

JOHN INGLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Or to

A. D. MITCHELL,
Manager of Works.

Company's Office, H. Kong Hotel Building, Hongkong, October 10, 1868.

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Insurances.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.
Incorporated 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO.
Hongkong, June 6, 1868.

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By Command,

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